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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH  
(Based on PCT/JP01/04896)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: POLYARYLENE SULFIDE  
RESIN COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

5. (Amended) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the silicone oil has a backbone structure of dimethylpolysiloxane.

6. (Amended) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the silicone oil is at least one selected from the group consisting of silanol-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes and alkoxy-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes.

Please add the following new claims.

7. (New) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the silicone oil has a backbone structure of dimethylpolysiloxane.

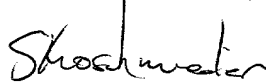
8. (New) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the silicone oil is at least one selected from the group consisting of silanol-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes and alkoxy-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are active in the present application. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 6 has been amended to correct an improper Markush group. Claims 7 and 8 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--5. (Amended) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 3 [or 4], wherein the silicone oil has a backbone structure of dimethylpolysiloxane.

6. (Amended) The polyarylene sulfide resin composition as claimed in claim 3 [or 4], wherein the silicone oil is at least one selected from the group consisting of silanol-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes and alkoxy-modified dimethylpolysiloxanes.

Claims 7 and 8 (New).--